With a Mighty Hand and an Outstretched Arm: Exodus
Week 4 - The Plagues and The Passover

I. Introduction

Who is your God?

II. The Plagues

1. Nile to Blood (7:14-25)
   a. Agent: Aaron
   b. magicians replicate - with secret arts
   c. “Yet Pharaoh’s heart was hardened…” (7:13)
   d. “…and Pharaoh’s heart was hardened…” (7:22)

2. Frogs (8:1-15)
   a. Agent: Aaron
   b. magicians replicate
   c. “But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart…” (8:15)

3. Gnats (8:16-19)
   a. Agent: Aaron
   b. first plague the magicians fail to replicate: “This is the finger of God.” (8:19)
   c. “…But Pharaoh’s heart was hardened…” (8:19)

4. Flies (8:20-32)
   a. Agent: God
   b. no mention of magicians
   c. first time there is a distinction between the people of Israel and Egypt
   d. “But Pharaoh hardened his heart…” (8:32)

5. Death of Livestock (9:1-7)
   a. Agent: God
   b. No mention of magicians
   c. Distinction between livestock of Israel and that of Egypt
   d. “…But the heart of Pharaoh was hardened…” (9:7)

6. Boils (9:8-12)
   a. Agent: Moses
   b. “The magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils…” (9:11)
   c. no mention of Israelite distinction - but seems to be implied
   d. “And the Lord hardened Pharaoh’s heart…” (9:12)
   a. Agent: Moses
   b. No mention of magicians
   c. “Only in the land of Goshen, where the sons of Israel were, there was no hail.” (9:26)
   d. Mercy from this plague is offered to the Egyptians! (9:19-21)
   e. Explanatory note on wheat and spelt/emmer (9:31-32)
   f. “But when Pharaoh saw...he sinned again and hardened his heart...” (9:34)
   g. “Pharaoh’s heart was hardened...” (9:35)

8. Locusts (10:1-20)
   a. Agent: Moses
   b. Pharaoh’s servants: “…Do you not realize that Egypt is destroyed?” (10:7)
   c. “…Go to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart…” (10:1)
   d. “But the Lord hardened Pharaoh’s heart…” (10:20)

9. Darkness for 3 Days (10:21-29)
   a. Agent: Moses
   b. “…a darkness which may be felt.” (10:21)
   c. “…but all the sons of Israel had light in their dwellings.” (10:23)
   d. “But the Lord hardened Pharaoh’s heart…” (10:27)

10. Death of Firstborn
    a. Agent: God

    Ex. 12:29 - “Now it came about at midnight that the Lord struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of cattle.”

    b. “...yet the Lord hardened Pharaoh’s heart…” (11:10)

**Why the plagues? What does this mean for us?**

### III. The Passover

1. Instructions:
   i. 1 lamb per household
   ii. unblemished // 1 year old // from the sheep or goats
   iii. slay the lamb at twilight
   iv. apply blood to doorposts and the lintel of the house w/ a hyssop branches
   v. eat the flesh that night
      1. roasted with fire
      2. with unleavened bread and bitter herbs
      3. eat none of it raw or boiled in water
      4. leave none til morning
      5. whatever is leftover = burn with fire
   vi. eat with loins girded, sandals on feet and staff in hand

    Ex. 12:13- “…when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.”

2. Jesus Identifies Himself as the Passover Lamb (Lk. 22:14-20)